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AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
YEN BAI AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2143N 10451E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS THE STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE AIRFIELD NEAR YEN BAI, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THIS AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 1.7 NM NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI.

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF DECEMBER 1965 FIRST REVEALED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. LATER PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED THIS CONSTRUCTION TO BE A SUSPECT AIRFIELD IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF JUNE 1966 REVEALED CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE AIRFIELD. CONSTRUCTION ON THE RUNWAY BASE HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO APPROXIMATELY 10,500 FEET BY 950 FEET ORIENTED IN A NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST DIRECTION.

4. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS THAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY APPEARS TO HAVE DECREASED; HOWEVER, SOME VEGETATION HAS

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BEEN REMOVED FROM AT LEAST TWO SMALL HILLS AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY. AT LEAST THREE VEHICLES, FOUR POSSIBLE VEHICLES, AND ONE POSSIBLE CRANE ARE OBSERVED AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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